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Identical letters dated 6 February 2007 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Israel to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

I write to inform you of the alarming number of terror attacks carried out by Palestinian terrorists operating in the Gaza Strip over the past three weeks.

From Monday, 15 January 2007, until yesterday, Monday, 5 February 2007, no less than 30 rockets were fired by Palestinian terrorists in the Gaza Strip at Israeli communities in the south. These rocket attacks included the launching of Qassams and mortar shells.

Palestinian terror continues unabated, in grave violation of the agreed upon ceasefire between Prime Minister Ehud Olmert and President Mahmoud Abbas in late November. The persistence of Palestinian terror is an outright act of provocation, threatening the viability of sustainable peace and security in our region. The Hamas government must adhere to the three conditions of the international community, reaffirmed by the Quartet last week, and spare no effort to put an end to the violence and terror against Israel.

I should be grateful if you would arrange to have the text of the present letter circulated as a document of the sixty-first session of the General Assembly, under agenda items 13 and 14. An identical letter has been sent to Mr. Peter Burian, President of the Security Council.

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